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9. (Once Amended) The method according to claim 8, wherein the steam is injected into the textile articles [garments] for a short burst.

11. (Once Amended) The method according to claim 9 [or 10], wherein after the short burst, the textile articles [garments] are tumbled in the presence of the steam for a delay interval.

13. (Once Amended) The method according to claim 11 [9 or 10], wherein the cycle of short burst and delay interval is repeated.

14. (Once Amended) The method according to claim 5 [any of claims 5 to 13], wherein the textile articles [garments] are heated for a pre heat period before being steam treated.

16. (Once Amended) The method according to claim 15, wherein the textile articles [garments] are pre heated to a temperature in the region of 60-65 degrees centigrade.

22. (Once Amended) The method according to claim 1 [any preceding claim], wherein the stage comprising the use of steam for the killing of, and/or the de naturing of allergens of, mites in textile articles, is carried out on the articles while [whilst] they are at ambient temperature.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to make them more readable.